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IN THE COURT OF APPEAL OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT

DIVISION THREE

In re L.D., a Person Coming Under the  
Juvenile Court Law.

THE PEOPLE,

Plaintiff and Respondent,

v.

L.D.,

Defendant and Appellant.

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(Super. Ct. No. DL050470)

O P I N I O N

Appeal from an order of the Superior Court of Orange County, Caryl Lee,  
Judge. Reversed and remanded.

William G. Holzer, under appointment by the Court of Appeal, for  
Defendant and Appellant.

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THE COURT:<sup>\*</sup>

Minor appellant L.D. (minor) appeals an order on the grounds that the court should have sealed all records pertaining to a dismissed juvenile delinquency petition, even those not in the possession of the court. The Attorney General concedes minor is entitled to relief. Effective January 1, 2016 (Stats. 2015, ch. 375, § 1.5), Welfare and Institutions Code section 786 was amended to provide that in circumstances like those presented by minor’s dismissed case, “[t]he court shall order sealed all records pertaining to [a] dismissed petition in the custody of the juvenile court, and in the custody of law enforcement agencies, the probation department, or the Department of Justice.” (§ 786, subd. (a).) Minor is entitled to the benefit of this new law, even though it became effective after the order was entered. (See *In re Estrada* (1965) 63 Cal.2d 740, 744-748.)

The appealed order is reversed insofar as it did not order sealed all records pertaining to the petition that are in the custody of law enforcement agencies, the probation department, and the Department of Justice. The matter is remanded to the juvenile court to enter a new and different order consistent with Welfare and Institutions Code section 786 as amended.

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<sup>\*</sup> Before Rylaarsdam, Acting P.J., Aronson, J., and Ikola, J.